

DETAILED ACTION

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The invention was found to be free of the prior art. The closest prior art, Kalbe et al., CA 2,413,698, teaches starch-based pharmaceutical presentations for animals comprising specific aromas, pharmaceutical compounds, including enrofloxacin and pradofloxacin, but does not teach or suggest the specific composition formulation of the instant invention: pradofloxacin-15%; microcrystalline cellulose-35%; lactose-24%; polyvinylpyrrolidone-5%, flavoring-10%; croscarmellose sodium-7.5%, colloidal silicon dioxide-2.5%; and magnesium stearate-1.0%. Kalbe et al. do not teach the formulations exclude starch.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Jessica Monachello on August 6, 2010.

In the Claims:

Cancel claims 1 and 9-10.

Rewrite claim 4 as set forth below.

Claim 4. (Currently amended) A process for producing a solid pharmaceutical formulation according to claim 11, in which the flavoring is granulated with the colloidal silicon dioxide and with the pradofloxacin, the microcrystalline cellulose, lactose, polyvinylpyrrolidone, croscarmellose sodium, and magnesium stearate.

Claim 11, line 7, delete the “;” insert a “,” and insert the terms “excluding starch;” after the comma.

Conclusion

Claims 4 and 11 are allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Andriae M. Holt whose telephone number is (571)272-9328. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:00 am-4:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Richter Johann can be reached on 571-272-0646. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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